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First Belgian Flour Starts This Week

The first carload from Dickinson county to be sent as a part of Belgian relief fund left Abilene Wednesday for Topeka. Other cars will be sent later.

Although in practically all parts of the county the response to the call for aid was hearty, the committeemen are slow to report to the

county committee in Abilene and to send in their money or flour. Committeemen are urged to help in expediting the work.

The total donation for Abilene is about \$830. Herington has reported a donation of \$350. Hope reports that donations collected there will buy 63 barrels of flour.

THE LOSING SIDE OF MAIL ORDER TRADING

Hans Garbus, a German farmer of Iowa, has discovered that the benefits which appear on the surface as attaching to the mail order plan sometimes spell disaster and has written a very interesting story of his views in a certain farm paper. Here is a part of his story:

"We farmers need awakening to the fact that we have unmistakably reached the period where we must think and plan. I am one of the slow German farmers that had to be shown, and I am now giving my experience that others may profit, for knowledge is more expensive now than ten years ago.

"Twenty-nine years ago I began my farm career. I had an old team and \$50. Our furniture was mostly home-made—chairs, cupboard and lounge made from dry goods boxes, neatly covered with ten-cent cretonne by my girl wife. We rented eighty acres. Being a boy of good habits I got all needed machinery and groceries of our home merchants on credit, until fall crops were sold. The first year was a wet season and I did not make enough to pay creditors. I went to each of date of promise and explained conditions, paying as much as possible, and they all carried the balance over another year. They continued to accommodate me until I was able to buy a forty-acre piece of my own.

"As soon as I owned these few acres the mail order houses began sending me catalogues, and gradually I began sending my loose change to them, letting my accounts stand in my home town where I had gotten my accommodation when I needed it.

"We then had one of the thriftiest little villages in the state—good line of business in all the branches, merchants who were willing to help an honest fellow over a bad year, and a town full of people who came twice a week to trade and visit. Our little country town supported a library, high school, ball team, and we had big celebrations every year.

"A farm near a live town soon doubles in value. I sold my forty acres at a big advance and bought an eighty, gradually adding to it until I had 200 acres of the best land in Iowa. I then felt no need of asking favors, and found it easy to patronize the mail order agents that came almost weekly to our door. I regret to say that I was the first in the county to make up a neighborhood bill and send it to a mail order house. Though we got bit every once in a while, we got in the habit of sending away for stuff.

"Gradually our merchants lessened their stock of goods—for lack of patronage. Finally we began to realize that when we needed a bolt quickly for machinery, or clothing for sickness or death, we had to wait and send away for it, which wasn't so pleasant. One by one our merchants moved to places where they were appreciated, and men of less energy moved in. Gradually our town has gone down; our business houses are 'tacky' in appearance, a number are empty; our schools, churches and walks are going down. We have no band, no library nor ball team. There is no business done in the town, and therefore no taxes to keep things up. Hotel is closed for lack of travel. Go down to the depot when the freight pulls in and you will see the sequel in mail order packages.

"Nine years ago my farm was worth \$195 an acre; today I have a hard matter to sell it at \$167 an acre. It is 'too far from a live town'—so every farmer has said that wants to buy. He wants a place near schools and churches, where his children can have advantages. I have awakened to the fact that in

helping to pull the town down it has cost me \$5600 in nine years."

DRAW NAMES OF JURORS FOR THE JANUARY TERM

Judge J. P. Quinn and Judge C. C. Hutchison today drew out the names of the jurors for the January term of district court. One woman, Alice Stoffer, Abilene, was drawn as a juror. The list follows:

Charles Crawford, Hope.
C. H. Kirkwood, Abilene.
W. M. Dyke, Abilene.
George Stein, Chapman.
John Oberg, Herington.
A. E. Mitten, Chapman.
Henry Shrader, Enterprise.
Henry Gutsch, Hope.
A. C. Deltz, Chapman.
W. F. Anderson, Enterprise.
Albert Lederer, Hope.
O. O. Raeker, Manchester.
Elmer Hoyt, Chapman.
W. H. Thompson, Abilene.
F. A. Phillips, Abilene.
George Whitehair, Dillon.
Joe Lee, Solomon.
Alice Stoffer, Abilene.
D. J. Ballantyne, Herington.
W. B. Potter, Herington.
George W. Oakman, Abilene.
George Tischauer, Elmo.
George Hope, Hope.
George Aspley, Solomon.
J. W. Stuck, Abilene.
Charles Hause, Abilene.
H. F. Ziebell, Herington.
G. L. Skelton, Herington.
W. N. Hartenstein, Enterprise.
Noah Duncan, Carlton.
George Huber, Herington.
John Rugh, Herington.
R. F. Speer, Hope.
H. Berhomb, Herington.
Richard Schlesener, Hope.
J. W. Hutchinson, Herington.

THEY VOTED SAMPLE BALLOTS

Enterprise May Hold Another Election to Vote on H. S. Bonds

Although Enterprise recently voted at a special election \$18,000 bonds for a new high school building, another election probably will have to be held before the action will be declared legal. In the special election sample ballots were printed, as usual, on colored paper and sent to the polling place. The judges carelessly gave out the sample ballots to voters to be marked and cast in the election. A number of these were cast and now the school board at Enterprise and County Superintendent W. O. Steen are doubtful if bonds can be floated on the proposition. It is likely that another election will be called.

BANKERS TO MEET NEXT YEAR AT ELLSWORTH

Over 450 attended the Group 4 bankers' meeting at Salina yesterday and had a most enjoyable entertainment as well as a good program. At the banquet M. H. Malott made a brief talk and he was also chairman of the resolutions committee. Geo. T. Tremble, president of the Central National bank, Ellsworth, was elected president; O. H. Benton, Oberlin, member of the nominating committee. Next year's meeting will be at Ellsworth. About 25 Abilene folks were present.

DILLON POSTMASTERSHIP QUIZ AT HERINGTON, JAN. 9

A civil service examination will be held at Herington, Saturday, January 9, to fill a contemplated vacancy of postmaster at Dillon. Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the Dillon postoffice. Full information may be obtained from the postmaster at Dillon. The office paid \$291 last year.

Modern Country School Houses



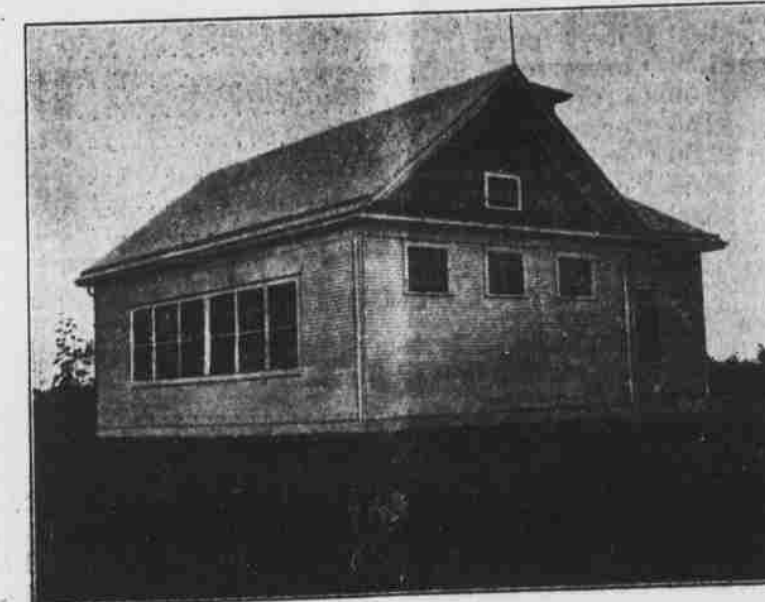
Sand Springs School

Another model rural school is that at Sand Springs. The building was erected in 1913 on a modern plan. It has two rooms, and the structure makes a handsome appearance. Many travelers along the



The Model Knox School

Dickinson county takes pride in its schools—its system, its teachers and scholars. The Knox school, says Supt. W. O. Steen, is a model one-teacher school. This building, in district No. 44, was erected in 1913, and is constructed on modern plans as to lighting, seating and floor space. A manual training room is provided. The rear view of this



Rear View of Knox School

MAY ADD OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Father Maher of Salina and Architect Were Here Today

The Rev. Father John Maher, Father Cunningham and C. A. Smith were here from Salina inspecting the improvements which are being made at the orphanage. Father Maher is in charge of the Salina parish. Father Cunningham recently became chaplain of St. John's hospital at Salina. Mr. Smith is the architect who drew the plans for the orphanage improvements.

"Everything is progressing well," said Father Maher. "The improvements we now have contracted to make will cost \$6000 and we are considering the expenditure of \$2000 more. We hope to be able to obtain this amount and will then put in a cement basement. It will be really making the building over. I think we shall be able to do this." The contractor expects to finish the work now under way by the first

of the year. Should a cement basement be put in, the orphanage will not be ready for occupancy until next spring.

MOTHER OF FIVE SUES FOR DIVORCE

Cruelty, neglect are alleged by Christina Becker asking divorce from Frederick Becker, in a suit filed in district court. She does not know where her husband lives, the petition cites. They have five children, all minors. They are Reuben 13 years, Ella 11, Irene 8, Evaline 6, Helen 4.

MISS MAUDE IRWIN'S FATHER DIES IN IOWA

Miss Maude Irwin was called to Washington, Ia., by the death of her father, which occurred Sunday night at 11 o'clock. The funeral was held at Washington today. Miss Irwin will remain there for several days.

Boys' Corn Contest Proved Interesting

The only disappointing thing about the boys' and girls' corn contests, which closed with the awarding of prizes in the Commercial club rooms Saturday, was small number of entries. "With the prizes offered here and the capable boys and girls in this community there should be three or four times as many entered in these contests," said Otis E. Hall, who gives his time to work among the boys and girls of the state in the interests of the agricultural college.

In the ten-acre exhibit, boys between the ages of 15 and 21 years, Harry Van Dyke, 16, won first prize; Charles Roop, 16, won second prize. Karl Hern, 16, carried off third honors and Cyrus Lenhart, 19, was fourth in the contests. Ray Van Dyke, 15, Samuel Lenhart, 19; Albert Romberger, 18; Herbert Ehrsam, 16, and Foster Van Dyke, 15, had entries. The management of the contests had expected to send four boys, in addition to winners of the first four prizes, to Manhattan for the annual farmers' institute, which this year will be especially attractive and instructive to boys

and girls. But as there were just nine entries the farmers' institute decided that it would not be right to send all the contestants but one, and so nine boys from this contest will make the trip.

In the acre contest, Karl Hern won first prize. On his acre he grew 48.2 bushels. Herbert Ehrsam was second best, and his acre yield was 32 bushels. Foster Van Dyke was third, his yield being 28 bushels.

All three boys will attend the institute at K. S. A. C. the first of the year.

In the acre contest, the boys were graded 20 per cent on method, 30 on yield, 20 on written story of the planting and growth and cultivation of the acre, and 30 per cent on profit.

"I have not been anywhere that a better chance for the boys to win prizes has been provided," said Mr. Hall. "Here everything had been explained as simply as can be and the boys have been given every encouragement."

H. G. Kyle, president of the farmers' institute, presided at the meetings.

HOG CHOLERA IS SPREADING

Thousands of Hogs in this County Have the Disease

Several thousand hogs in this county are affected with hog cholera, and large numbers have died from the disease. H. G. Kyle's loss is the latest to be reported. Mr. Kyle lost his herd of about thirty hogs. In the last month or two the cholera has been spreading rapidly and is causing grave concern among stockmen who fear that it cannot be checked. Many farmers who never before have vaccinated their herds have taken to vaccination as a preventive of the cholera.

At the present time, local veterinarians are unable to get serum. Dr. Ed. Makins, who has vaccinated nearly 10,000 hogs since the middle of July, believes that the government quarantine, which at present prevents the manufacture of hog cholera serum because of the danger of spreading the foot and mouth disease, will be raised shortly. "Meantime, many farmers are telephoning in to me to vaccinate their hogs," says Dr. Makins. "The only thing we

can do is to wait until the quarantine is raised."

John Whitehair telephoned into town this morning that he had 109 head of hogs that were sick.

J. J. BLEAKLEY'S PEN WINS MISSOURI PRIZES

Friends are congratulating J. J. Bleakley on his winnings at the Missouri State Poultry show, at St. Louis. Mr. Bleakley's Buff Plymouth Rocks won first and second cockerel prizes, first and third pullet, third and fifth hen, and first for pen, 3 out of 5 club specials and 2 silver cups. Mr. Bleakley is in St. Louis and has entered four singles at the Chicago show.

SUES TO COLLECT ON PROMISSORY NOTE

J. Miller of Abilene filed suit in district court to collect on a promissory note which he alleges Albert Rumold gave to J. W. Rumold, who sold it to the plaintiff. The original note was for \$1807, and was given in 1906, and \$2000 has been paid on it, leaving principal and interest amounting to \$1193 unpaid.

Some Men Are Rich

because they have made and saved money

Some Men Are Poor

because they have made money and spent it. Every man makes a nice little fortune during his life time if he but saves it. What have you done with yours? What will you do with it from NOW ON?

Stop Spending Your Money Foolishly!

Put it where it will increase steadily and you will be thankful in days to come. Welcome to this bank.

Abilene National Bank

ABILENE, KANSAS

"This Bank Is Your Bank If You Patronize It."